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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method of treatment of a human or non-human animal subject to combat inflammation arising from a condition associated with pain or a condition not associated with pain, said method comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a physiologically tolerable strontium compound.

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